

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

The month of September once again saw us at war with Germany. This caused a general upheaval in the economic state of the Country. Children were evacuated into "Safe Areas" from the towns - air raid shelters were built for the protection against air raids and other units formed to deal with Fire, Decontamination and First Aid. The Longdendale Valley was considered a "Safe Area" so consequently it was scheduled as an area where children could be evacuated. We were supposed to take between 1000 and 1100. On the 1st and 2nd September, women and children were evacuated from the district of Openshaw, Manchester to the number of 387. The children attended the Wheeler St. Council School. With the scholars there were 17 teachers who took charge of the children. The children on arrival at Broadbottom Station were assembled at the schools in Broadbottom. Mr. Wilson, Clerk to the Council and Chief Billeting Officer, together with the Chairman of the Council and Medical Officer of Health, received the children. After all the names and addresses were checked, they were given rations for 48 hours, and then sent to their various districts.

Needless to say, with such a number of children, there were some with verminous heads and bodies, others with Impetigo. These were treated by the Welfare Nurse and were soon free from their troubles. Naturally there were a number of misfits as one would expect. Children were homesick and mothers did not like being in other peoples houses and complying with their rules. These returned home.

After a few months, things settled down, and the children enjoyed being in the country and looked much better for their sojourn in this healthy district.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

According to the figures supplied to me from the Manager of the Glossop Labour Exchange, the number of unemployed on the book December 31st., 1939, were :-

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Mottram & Broadbottom	63	32.	95.
Hollingworth	164.	80.	244.
	<u>227.</u>	<u>112.</u>	<u>339.</u>

HOUSING.

Five houses have been built during the year.

I should like to thank Mr. Haynes, your Sanitary Inspector, for the assistance he has given me in carrying out the work connected with your district.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

GEORGE J. AWBURN, B.Hy.,

Medical Officer of Health.



# S T A T I S T I C A L.

The following are general statistics for the year 1939:-

Area (in acres) . . . . .	3,547
Registrar General's Estimate of Population for Statistical Purposes . . . . .	4,663
Comparability Factor . . . . .	0.91
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1939), according to Rate Books . . . . .	1,677
Rateable Value . . . . .	£21,974
Sum represented by a penny rate . . . . .	£91..11s..2d. gross £78.. 0s..3d. nett.
Live Births: Legitimate . . . . .	21 males, 26 females, total 50 47
Illegitimate . . . . .	3 males, 0 females, total 3
Still Births . . . . .	1
Deaths . . . . .	82
Birth Rate . . . . .	10.8
Death Rate . . . . .	17.5
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child birth and other puerperal causes . . . . .	1
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-	
All Infants per 1,000 births . . . . .	40
Deaths from Measles and Whooping Cough . . . . .	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer . . . . .	14

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR AREA

All have remained the same as in 1938.

## HOLLINGWORTH CHILD WELFARE CENTRE

Medical Officer: Ernest Talbot M.B.,Ch.B.

Health Visitor: Miss A.Bullough, S.C.M.,S.R.N., R.S.I.

	1938	1939	
Number of Meetings	26	26	Same
Total attendances	586	899	+ 313
Seen by Medical Officer	289	333	+ 44
Average attendance	22	34	+ 12
Number of New Cases	59	70	+ 13

ERNEST TALBOT, M.B.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1939.

	<u>Total Cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to</u> <u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	6	1	nil.
Diphtheria	11	10	nil.
Enteric	1	1	nil.
Chickenpox	6	nil.	nil.
Pneumonia	2	nil.	nil.

Scarlet Fever :- One case, that of an evacuee, was sent to Hospital.

Diphtheria :- Six cases were reported from the 14th to the 18th of March.

The children were all from the Infant class at the Broadbottom C. of E. School. All had positive swabs and were sent to the Hyde Hospital. Two carriers were detected. The County Medical Officer of Health closed the school until April 6th.

Three more cases in children were reported during the June quarter - all were in the same class at the Hollingworth Council School. Anti-toxin was administered to all cases, same being supplied by the Council, and the families isolated.

Artificial immunization against Diphtheria is not undertaken by the Council. Head Teachers of Schools report to the Medical Officer

of Health any cases of infectious or supposed infectious disease amongst their scholars.

No local action has been taken in regard to the use of Measles serum for prophylaxis or Attenuation.

The schools in question were fumigated, and all pens, pencils and copy books were destroyed.

Enteric Fever:- This patient contracted the disease whilst working on a farm in Cumberland.

Analysis of the total Notified Cases under the following age groups.

Scarlet Fever	1 - 5	5
	20 - 35	1
Pneumonia	35 - 40	1
Diphtheria	1 - 5	2
	5 - 10	7
	10 - 15	1
	15 - 20	1
Enteric	15 - 20	1
Chickenpox	1 - 5	4
	5 - 10	2

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

No person suffering from Tuberculosis in any of its forms is connected with the distribution of milk, or has been compulsorily removed to a hospital.

#### New Cases and Mortality during 1939.

Age Periods.	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 5			1.					
10 - 15				1.				
15 - 20		1						
20 - 30	1	1						
40 - 50		1			1			
Total	1	3	1	1	1			

All the cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were sent for Sanatorium Treatment.

The Non-Respiratory cases were treated at the Robert Jones Orthopaedic, Oswestry.

Once again I can only express my great appreciation of the prompt manner in which Dr. Henzell - the Local Tuberculosis Officer - deals with the cases.

Fourteen specimens of sputum were sent to the Laboratory at Chester. Three were positive and eleven negative.

#### FOOD ADULTERATION.

The following is a report furnished by the Chief Inspector of Food for the Cheshire County Council, Mr. Stacey Hallard.

List of samples obtained in the Urban District of Longdendale during the year ending December 31st 1939.

Name of Sample.	Number obtained.	Number adulterated or not up to the recognised standard of gravity.
Beer	2	--
Butter	1.	--
Friars Balsalm	1.	--
Milk	9.	--
Rice	1.	--
Tartaric Acid	1.	--
	<u>15.</u>	<u>--</u>



# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

## Milk Supply.

There are five accredited milk sellers in your district. The milk is supplied from the farms surrounding the villages. The shippens and dairies are inspected regularly, and in most the conditions are entirely satisfactory. From the report of the Chief Food Inspector to the Cheshire County Council nine samples of milk were taken and all were up to standard.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Veterinary Inspector's Report. Longdendale Urban District Council.  
Year ending March 1940.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.	Remarks
Number killed	160	20	15	322	137	
Number Inspected	80	10	Nil	411	68	
Disease except Tuberculosis. Whole Carcases condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	2	1	Nil	5	Nil	
% of Number inspected with disease other than T.B.	2.4%	10%	Nil.	1.2%	Nil	
Tuberculosis only whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
Carcases part or organ condemned.	1.	2	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
% of Number inspected	1.2%	20%	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	

R.F.BETT, M.R.C.V S.

## SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

For the Year ended 31st December 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the Longdendale Urban District Council.

I herewith submit to you my Annual Report for the Year 1939.

## NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED.

### Dwellinghouses.

1. Grey Slates, Old Road, Hollingworth.	)	
1. No. 203 Broadbottom Road, Mottram.	)	
1. No. 205 do. do.	)	Total 5.
1. No. 207 do. do.	)	
1. No. 209 do. do.	)	

### Additional Dwellinghouse.

1. No. 2A, Pingot Lane, Broadbottom.

Note. House No. 2 Pingot Lane converted into 2 houses.

### Additions to Farm Buildings. New Dairies.

One at Meadow Bank Farm, Hollingworth.

One at Thorncliffe Farm, do.

One at Parsonage Farm, Mottram.

## HOUSING ACT, 1930.

Houses dealt with under Section 19.

### No. of Houses.

2.	No. 10 and No. 12. The Knowl, Market St. Hollingworth.	Demolished
2.	No. 4 and No. 6 Old Hall Road, Mottram, Now Closed.)	To be
1.	Clough Bottom House, Hattersley, Broadbottom do.	demolished
Total 5.		4.

Dwellinghouses Demolished.

Without Notices having been served on owners.

No. of Houses.

4.	No.2,4,6 and 8 The Knowl, Market Street Hollingworth	) The demolition of this property has been an improvement to the near vicinity. The site now being used as a Private Parking Ground for cars etc.
1.	Horse Shoe Cottage Stockport Road, Mottram.	)
1.	Fern Cottage, Stockport Road, Mottram.	) The site having been purchased for Road Improvements in the near future.
1.	No.68 Lower Market St., Broadbottom	) This house had been vacant and in a dilapidated state. Owner demolished same and cleared site.

ACCREDITED MILK SUPPLY.

	Broadbottom Ward.	Mottram Ward.	Hollingworth Ward.	Total registered
Local Producers and Retailers.	-	3	2	5
Retailers Other Districts	-	1	-	1
<u>REGISTERED RETAIL PURVEYORS OF RAW MILK.</u>				
Local Producers	6	16	14	36
Shops do.	3	0	1	10
Outside District not local)				
Produced	4	1	4	9
Wholesalers Local	2.	2	4	8
<u>STERILIZED BOTTLED MILK.</u>				
Retail Milk Shops:	-	2	7	9
Retail Vendors ) Not	-	1	1	2
Wholesale Vendors) Local.	-	1	1	2

NUISANCES - ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS.

Sanitary Inspections	1072
Informal Notices served	83
Statutory Notices served	6

DISINFESTATION OF HOUSES.

<u>No. of Houses Disinfested.</u>	<u>Nature of Infestation.</u>	<u>No. of Rooms.</u>
1.	Bugs	4
1.	Beetles	1

Spraying with Intersectides and afterwards fumigating with Sulphur S.O.<sup>2</sup>. has been very effective in disinfestation of above premises.

SEWAGE OUTFALL WORKS.

Hollingworth and Broadbottom Outfall Works.

Several samples of effluents have been obtained and reported on as satisfactory by the Rivers Commissioners.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION ACTS)

Refuse Tips, Sewage Outfall Works and premises reported on as infested by Rats. or mice are immediately dealt with. The premises are baited with Klearwell Rat Biscuits. Only one case of infestation has been reported during the year. It was effectively dealt with.



INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.  
Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises.	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers prosecuted
Factories (With Mechanical Power)... ..	24	4	Nil.
Factories (Without Mechanical Power) ...	40	Nil.	Nil.
+Other Premises under Act... .. (Including works of building and engineering construction but not including Outworkers' Premises)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Total .. ..	64	4	Nil.

+Electrical Stations should be reckoned as factories.

WATER SUPPLY STATISTICS.

Domestic Water Supply.

	Houses on Local Supply.	Population Served.	Houses on Private Supply Wells, Pumps, Springs.	Population Served.
<u>Hollingworth Ward.</u>				
Populous Area	635	1850	--	--
Outdistrict			76	187
<u>Mottram Ward.</u>				
Populous Area	476.	1499	-	-
Outdistrict			69	135
<u>Broadbottom Ward.</u>				
Populous Area	366	988	-	-
Outdistrict			55	61
Total	<u>1477</u>	<u>4337</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>383</u>

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION.

Local Authorities Supply	Domestic Supply Thousand Gallons.	Other purposes. Thousand Gallons.	Total Thousand Gallons
Hollingworth Ward	38.59	1.65	40.24
Mottram Ward. ) Broadbottom Ward )	37.43	.61	38.04
Total	<u>76.02</u>	<u>2.26</u>	<u>78.28</u>

DAILY CONSUMPTION OF WATER PER HEAD OF POPULATION SERVED.

Hollingworth Ward. 20.86 Gallons per day.  
 Mottram and Broadbottom Wards. 15.05 Gallons per day.  
 Total Average per head  
 Served by Local Authorities Supply. 17.52 Gallons per day.

In conclusion of my report, I now thank the Members of the Council, and all Officials, for their co-operation during the year, which is essential and necessary in helping me to carry out my duties as your Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

HAROLD HAYNES

Sanitary Inspector.

July 27th, 1940.



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By  
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